

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

-----X
FRANCESCA DURAN :
 :
 : ORDER
Plaintiff, : 23 Civ. 9707 (JGK) (GWG)
 :
 :
-V.- :
 :
 :
J.B. HUNT TRANSPORT, INC. et al., :
 :
 :
Defendants. :
-----X

GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN, United States Magistrate Judge

1. The above-referenced action has been referred to the undersigned for general pre-trial purposes. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). All pre-trial applications, including those relating to scheduling and discovery, shall be made to the undersigned (except motions to dismiss or for judgment on the pleadings, for injunctive relief, for summary judgment, or for class certification). All applications must comply with this Court's Individual Practices, which are available through the Clerk's Office or at: <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-gabriel-w-gorenstein>

2. All deadlines set in this case remain in effect. Any application for an extension must be made as soon as the cause for the extension becomes known to the party making the application and must be made in accordance with ¶ 1.E of the Court's Individual Practices. The application must state the position of all other parties on the proposed extension and must show good cause therefor not foreseeable as of the date of this Order. "Good cause" as used in this paragraph does not include circumstances within the control of counsel or the party. Any application not in compliance with this paragraph will be denied. Failure to comply with the terms of this Order may also result in sanctions.

3. The parties are required to make affirmative attempts to settle this matter through discussions among counsel. If the parties are unable to settle the case by such means, they are required to use mediation to assist them in achieving settlement. Mediation may be undertaken by means of private mediation or Court-supervised mediation, which includes the Court's mediation program or potentially a conference before the undersigned. The parties are directed to confer with each other in an attempt to reach agreement as to (a) which form of mediation will be employed and (b) approximately when, or at what stage of the case, the mediation should take place. The parties shall file a jointly-composed letter on this issue at least 7 days before the due date for dispositive motions.

4. Discovery motions -- that is, any application pursuant to Rules 26 through 37 or 45 -- not only must comply with ¶ 2.A. of the Court's Individual Practices but also must be made promptly after the cause for such a motion arises. In addition, absent extraordinary circumstances no such application will be considered if made later than 30 days prior to the close of discovery. Untimely applications will be denied.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 25, 2025
New York, New York



GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN
United States Magistrate Judge